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1. WE FEEL A PASSIVE, LOW PROFILE HANDLING OF PRESS IS BEST.
RESPONSES TO PRESS QUERIES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE FACTS
WHICH ARE ALREADY ON RECORD. THIS MEANS THAT IN REGARD TO THE
UK-ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE, WE SHOULD USE OUR OFT-REPEATED
STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT THE UK AND
ICELAND CAN FIND AN AMICABLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. WE SHOULD
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RESIST ATTEMPTS TO CONNECT THIS DISPUTE WITH THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS

AND INSIST ON OUR VIEW THAT THESE ARE ENTIRELY SEPARATE MATTERS.
WE SHOULD OF COURSE EMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS GOING
INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ICELAND WITH GOOD WILL AND IN A
SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT.

2. FYI: GENERAL GUIDANCE ABOVE WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED LATER BY
SPECIFIC Q'S AND A'S. END FYI. RUSH

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